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REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 5-7 and 10-16 are pending. Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that Claims 1-15 are allowable, although the Applicant assumes the Examiner meant to indicate that Claims 1, 5-7 and 10-15 were allowable because Claims 2-4 and 8-9 were canceled in previous responses.

Claim 16 was rejected in the current Action under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as purportedly anticipated by Anderson et al. (6,104,604), hereinafter *Anderson*. Applicant most respectfully traverses this rejection.

Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 16 of the present Applicant is patentable over *Anderson*. However, Applicant has elected not to address the technical aspects of patentability of Claim 16 over *Anderson* and instead respectfully notes that *Anderson* does not qualify as prior art under Section 102(b) and, therefore, no *prima facie* rejection has been made. By making this observation, Applicant does not admit the accuracy of the Examiner's remarks or reasoning, or acquiesce in any way to the reasoning underlying the rejection.

Specifically, the present Application (Serial No. 10/644,903) is a continuation of parent application Serial No. 09/212125, filed on January 26, 1999, and now granted as U.S. Patent No. 6,727,890. As a continuation, the present Application is entitled to claim the benefit of the filing date of its parent application, namely January 26, 1999. *Anderson* was granted the issue date of August 15, 2000, about a year and a half after the filing date of the parent of the present continuation Application. As such, *Anderson* is not prior art,

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because it is not prior. Thus, Claim 16 is allowable in view of the cited references, and this rejection should be withdrawn.

In view of the above remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and indication of allowance of all pending claims, namely Claims 1, 5-7 and 10-16.

No fees, in addition to those noted on the accompanying transmittal documents, are believed to be due in connection with this Amendment. If, however, any additional fee is believed to be due, you are hereby authorized to charge any such fee to Hewlett-Packard Company's deposit account No. 08-2025.

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